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Clarifying Requirements in Part 21, Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance (Rev. 2)				
Abstract				
<p>This rulemaking effort is intended to improve the clarity of 10 CFR Part 21 while maintaining the original intent of the rule and minimizing changes to currently compliant programs. Since its inception in 1977, 10 CFR Part 21 has presented compliance challenges to licensees, vendors, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has noted a high rate of repetitive inspection findings related to 10 CFR Part 21, including commercial-grade dedication findings, despite the staff's attempts to clarify requirements through generic communications and extensive outreach efforts. Recent 10 CFR Part 21 exemption requests by nonreactor facilities further underscore the need to examine 10 CFR Part 21. In 2010, the staff established an agency wide working group to further explore these inspection findings and identify 10 CFR Part 21 potential areas for improvement.</p>				
Justification				
<p>The rule scores 33 points (15, 10, 6, 2) because of the following reasons: A) Moderate contributor toward one or more goals and implements multiple strategies in one or more goals (safety strategies 2, 3, and 4); B) Significant contributor toward one or more strategy (regulatory effectiveness strategies 1, 2, and 3); C) Moderate contributor toward one or more considerations. Supports a Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing initiative with a future regulatory benefit; and D) Moderate public interest and participation.</p>				
Start Dates	Reg Basis Completed	PR Sent to Comm/EDO	FR Sent to Comm/EDO	Publication Date
09/29/2011	08/07/2015	09/28/2016	12/11/2017	06/01/2018